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Fruit, Nut, and Vegetable Report



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The following are the survey results from the **2006 Fruit and Vegetable Surveys**. Farmers in Arkansas provided the data for these surveys. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaires or interviews for the surveys. The data are also posted on our home page at the Internet address above, and more detailed U.S. statistics at <http://www.usda.gov/nass/>

2006 Arkansas Fruit, Nut, and Vegetable Highlights

Blueberries: Area of blueberries harvested was 530 acres in 2006, unchanged from 2005. Yield per acre was 3,020 pounds, up 70 pounds per acre from last year. Utilized production was 1.60 million pounds, up from the 1.35 million pounds in 2005. Season average price for the 2006 crop was \$1.55 per pound yielding a total value of the crop at \$2.49 million dollars.

Grapes: Bearing acres of grapes was 700 acres, down 50 acres from 2005. The yield for 2006 was 3.29 tons per acre with utilized production at 2,200 tons. The season average price for 2006 was \$621 per ton with the total value at \$1.37 million.

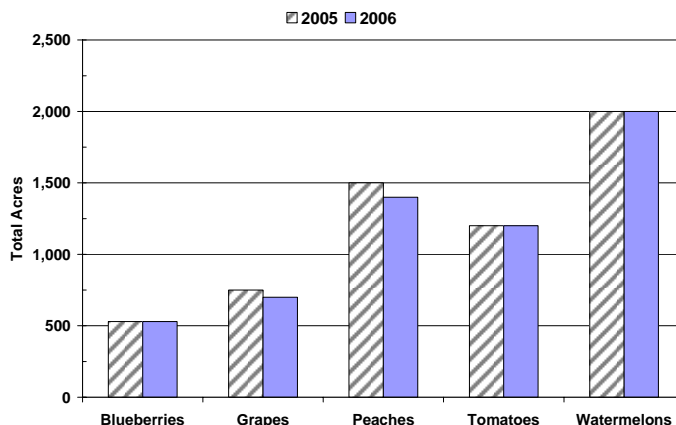
Peaches: Bearing acres of peaches was 1,400 acres, down 100 acres from 2005. The crop yield for 2006 was 3.0 tons per acre, down 0.3 tons per acre from last year, while the utilized production was 3,850 tons, down 800 tons from last year. The season average price was \$1,030 per ton, down \$70 per ton from last year, and total value of production was \$3.97 million, down from the \$5.13 million in 2005.

Pecans: Pecan production is forecast at 1.8 million pounds in 2006, down 500,000 pounds from the 2005 crop. The average price per pound is forecast at \$1.25, slightly higher than the \$1.24 per pound from 2005. The total value of the crop is forecast at \$2.24 million, down \$620,000 from last year.

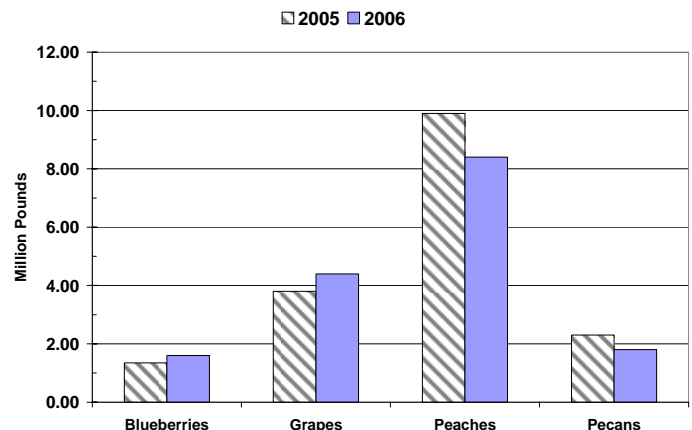
Tomatoes: Area of tomatoes harvested for 2006 was 1,200 acres, unchanged from last year. Average yield per acre was 255 hundredweight per acre, down from the 345 cwt. per acre from 2005. Total production was 306,000 cwt., down from the 414,000 cwt. last year. The average price received was \$51 per cwt., with the total value of the crop at \$15.6 million.

Watermelons: Area of watermelons harvested for 2006 was 2,000 acres, unchanged from last year. Average yield per acre was 185 cwt., up from last year's yield of 80 cwt. Total production was 370,000 cwt., up 110,000 cwt. from last year's very poor crop. The season average price was \$9.30 per cwt., up \$0.30 from last year. The total value of the crop was \$3.44 million, up from the \$1.44 million for the 2005 crop.

Arkansas Fruit and Vegetable Acres Harvested



Arkansas Fruit and Nut Utilized Production



2006 United States Fruit, Nut, and Vegetable Highlights

Blueberries: Total utilized production was 137,800 tons with a season average price of \$1.81 per pound. Total value of the crop was \$497.7 million.

Grapes: Utilized production totaled 6.33 million tons with a season average price of \$499 per ton for all types. Total value of the crop was \$3.16 billion.

Peaches: Utilized production was 987,080 tons with a season average price of \$520 per ton. Total value of the crop was \$513.4 million.

Pecans: Utilized production was 188.9 million pounds with a season average price of \$1.59 per pound. Total value of the crop was \$301.2 million.

Tomatoes: Total production was 36.8 million cwt with a season average price of \$43.30 per cwt. Total value of the crop was \$1.60 billion.

Watermelons: Total production was 42.1 million cwt with a season average price of \$10.30 per cwt. Total value of the crop was \$434.9 million.

Fruit, Nut, and Vegetable Production, Arkansas and United States, 2005 - 2006

Commodity	Utilized Production		Price per Unit		Value of Utilized Production	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
Blueberries	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>		<i>Dollars per Pound</i>		<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	
Arkansas	1,350	1,600	1.74	1.55	2,349	2,486
United States	238,170	275,520	1.44	1.81	342,311	497,702
Grapes	<i>Tons</i>		<i>Dollars per Ton</i>		<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	
Arkansas	1,900	2,200	539	621	1,024	1,366
United States	7,810,500	6,334,950	447	499	3,489,115	3,162,007
Peaches	<i>Tons</i>		<i>Dollars per Ton</i>		<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	
Arkansas	4,650	3,850	1,100	1,030	5,130	3,970
United States	1,145,100	987,080	447	520	511,520	513,438
Pecans	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>		<i>Dollars per Pound</i>		<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	
Arkansas	2,300	1,800	1.24	1.25	2,860	2,242
United States	280,250	188,900	1.45	1.59	406,920	301,242
Tomatoes	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>		<i>Dollars per Cwt</i>		<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	
Arkansas	414	306	43.00	51.00	17,802	15,606
United States	38,268	36,844	41.80	43.30	1,598,828	1,596,276
Watermelons	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>		<i>Dollars per Cwt</i>		<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	
Arkansas	160	370	9.00	9.30	1,440	3,441
United States	38,403	42,073	11.60	10.30	445,917	434,861